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For :	GROUP ACCESS PRIVATIZATION IN CLUSTERED COMPUTER SYSTEM		

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is an Amendment and Response.
2. Small Entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
 Enclosed is a verified statement to establish Small Entity status
 Other than a Small Entity
3. The fee has been calculated as shown below:

CALCULATION OF FEES

Fee:	Number of Claims After Amendment:		Previously Paid For:	No. Extra:	At Rate:	Amount:
Total Claims	27	minus	27	0	\$18	\$0.00
Independent Claims	4	minus	4	0	\$88	\$0.00
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM FEE					\$300	\$0.00
TOTAL FEE FOR CLAIMS:						\$0.00

No additional fee for claims is required.

4. Attached is a check in the sum of \$_____ for additional claims.
 Please charge my Deposit Account No. 23-3000 in the amount of \$_____.

5. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 apply. Complete (a) or (b) as applicable.

(a) Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136 for the total number of months checked below:

Ext. Mos.	<u>Large entity</u>	<u>Small entity</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> one month	\$ 110.00	\$ 55.00
<input type="checkbox"/> two months	\$ 430.00	\$ 215.00
<input type="checkbox"/> three months	\$ 980.00	\$ 490.00
<input type="checkbox"/> four months	\$1,530.00	\$ 765.00
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Extension fee due with this request: \$_____

Method of Payment: Check enclosed in the amount of \$_____

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

(Check and complete the next item, if applicable)

An extension for _____ months has already been secured and the fee paid therefor of \$____ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested. Extension fee due with this request \$_____.

OR

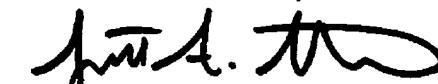
(b) Applicant believes that no extension of time is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

6. If any additional fee for claims or extension of time is required, charge Account No. 23-3000.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated July 1, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.